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Group Art Unit: 1752

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- (1) a European application corresponding to copending U.S. Application No. 10/669,696: US 2002/136987; and
- (2) a European application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. Application No. 10/671,776: EP 1182032.

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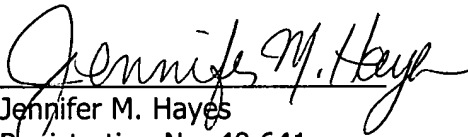
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